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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

DATE: March 14, 2019

TO: Honorable Senator Dembrow, Chair
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 892

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Ginny Burdick and I represent the people of Senate District 18, which includes the city of Tigard and portions of West Portland.

I am offering my testimony in support of SB 892. This bill will amend the Oregon Bottle Bill to exempt oral rehydration products that are classified as medical food by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Medical foods are intended for individuals who have a disease or condition that results in a distinct nutritional need which cannot be met by regular food. Healthcare practitioners and federal and state agencies draw the distinction between medical foods and conventional sports drinks. The specific language in SB 892 would not allow for other products to fall under this exemption.

I am also in support of the -1 amendment, which would remove the emergency clause and allows the Act effective on the 91st day after sine die. This would ensure that all oral rehydration products that have been charged the ten cents and are in circulation could be deposited within an appropriate time.

I strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 892 with the -1 amendment.

